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Dear Manufacturer:

**SUBJECT: Notification of Temporary Shutdown of CFEIS to Allow Computer System Upgrades**

This letter is directed to light duty car and truck manufacturer representatives who use the CFEIS computer system in support of EPA's light duty certification and fuel economy compliance programs. As mentioned at the EPA/Industry meeting on November 8, 2001, EPA is preparing to perform some much-needed upgrades to the CFEIS computer system and software and hardware environment which will require the system to be shutdown for a period of approximately two business weeks. This work is now ready to proceed. Starting February 1, 2002 at 5:00 PM through February 19, 2002 at 8:00 AM, CFEIS will shut down and be unavailable. All efforts will be made to expedite the upgrades. If they are completed ahead of schedule, CFEIS will be placed back into operation and you will be notified immediately. The upgrades that will be performed are specifically for the Sun Solaris operating system, the Oracle RDBMS, and the dial-in system.

During the CFEIS shutdown, alternate plans for confirmatory EPA testing, certification and fuel economy labeling are described below. These plans have been designed to minimize the disruption to normal compliance activities. If you believe you have a situation which will be affected by the CFEIS shutdown that is not covered under these plans, please contact your EPA representative as soon as possible.

**EPA Confirmatory Testing**

1. Already scheduled for testing during the shutdown period:

If you already have EPA confirmatory tests scheduled during the shutdown period (meaning you have a confirmed test date during one of the shutdown days), please make every effort to complete all CFEIS paperwork needed to perform the tests (ESI, VI, MTDS, Shift Schedules) prior to February 1. The lab will perform testing as usual, and preliminary test results will be available.

2. Tests not scheduled yet, but if chosen for EPA testing, would have to occur during shutdown period:

You have two options:

- a) Accept EPA Conditional Certification, as allowed under the CAP 2000 regulations.

- EPA confirmatory testing would be completed after CFEIS is running again.
- b) If a vehicle selected for confirmatory testing **MUST** be tested during the CFEIS shutdown, you may be asked to submit additional information in hard copy along with the EPA Test Request form, such as deterioration factors. If possible submit all needed information into CFEIS prior to the CFEIS shutdown.

## **Certification**

1. Normal certification will be halted during the CFEIS shutdown period.
  - a) If you anticipate needing a certificate near the shutdown period, make every effort to have all information submitted into CFEIS prior to the shutdown, including the summary sheet. EPA will issue as many certificates as possible before the shutdown.
  - b) It is preferable that certificates be issued using the CFEIS system. If you must certify during the shutdown period, and cannot delay or postpone certification until after CFEIS is restarted, contact Dan Harrison at (734)214-4281 so that arrangements can be made. At a minimum, you will need to submit a hard copy of the summary sheet.
2. Certification not needed during the CFEIS shutdown period

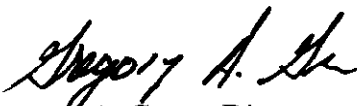
Please do not try to enter any information into CFEIS during this period. You may prepare all input forms as usual, but do not submit them until CFEIS is restarted.

## **Fuel Economy Labeling**

The automatic FE label letter process will not operate during the shutdown period but we do not anticipate that many labels will need to be issued during this time. If you absolutely must label a vehicle during this period, notify your EPA representative.

To help us assure a smooth transition, please contact your assigned EPA representative as soon as possible and provide your certification, fuel economy and testing needs for the shutdown period. If you have any technical questions about the CFEIS upgrade, please direct them to Judy Jackson-Espey at (734)214-4835.

Sincerely,



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